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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BUNICHI SHOJI

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Title: A TRUSS STRUCTURE, STRUCTURAL MEMBERS THEREOF,
AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment

February 8, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior
to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, change "claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claim 8:

Subcl 6. A truss structure according to claim 2, wherein said
connection part further comprises said parent plate and a rib
erected crosswise thereon, and wherein an edge of said flat
section is tapered to allow for each flat section of each chord
member to be positioned in close proximity.--

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the specification, claims and
abstract before examination of the application is respectfully